

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 44, line 2 and ending at page 44, line 14 to read, as follows.

An image forming apparatus includes an image bearing member having a surface layer; an electrostatic image forming device means for forming an electrostatic image on the surface layer; a developing device, means, containing at least toner and a carrier, for developing the electrostatic image; a density measuring device means for measuring a density of the developed electrostatic image; a layer thickness measuring device means for measuring a thickness of the surface layer; and an adjusting device means for adjusting toner content in the ~~[[said]]~~ developing device, means. The adjusting device means adjusts the toner content on the basis of an output of the layer thickness measuring device, means.